

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

STEFANIE HUTCHENS and MATTHEW
RAGSDELL,

Plaintiffs,

vs.

NORTHERN VAN LINES, INC., an Oregon
corporation; BLEUS PARADISE, LLC *doing*
business as EXPRESS VAN LINE, a Nevada
limited liability company; DOES I through X and
ROE CORPORATIONS I through X, inclusive,

Defendants.

Case No.: 2:13-cv-00700-GMN-CWH

ORDER

Pending before the Court is the Motion for Reconsideration (ECF No. 10) filed by Plaintiffs Stefanie Hutchens and Matthew Ragsdell (collectively, "Plaintiffs").

I. BACKGROUND

Plaintiffs initiated this action on April 24, 2013 alleging one cause of action for violations of 49 U.S.C. § 14706. Subsequently, on August 20, 2013, Plaintiffs filed an Affidavit of Service indicating that Defendant Bleus Paradise, LLC was served with the Summons and Complaint. (ECF No. 6.) Thereafter, on August 30, 2013, Plaintiffs filed an Affidavit of Non-Service as to Defendant Northern Van Lines, Inc. (ECF No. 8.) In the Affidavit, it states that the process server was unable to serve Defendant Northern Van Lines because the "[a]ddress provided . . . is no[w] Crossfit workout center. No listing for Registered agent Lynn Theisman. Per Oregon Secretary of State Northern Van Lines Administrative Disolution [sic] on 11/16/12." (*Id.*)

On October 1, 2013, the Court entered an Order dismissing this action without prejudice as to all Defendants and closing the case. (ECF No. 9.) In response, Plaintiffs filed the instant

1 Motion for Reconsideration asserting that neither Defendant should be dismissed for failure to
2 serve.

3 **II. DISCUSSION**

4 “[A] motion for reconsideration should not be granted, absent highly unusual
5 circumstances.” *Carroll v. Nakatani*, 342 F.3d 934, 945 (9th Cir. 2003) (citation omitted).
6 Reconsideration is appropriate where: (1) the court is presented with newly discovered
7 evidence, (2) the court committed clear error or the initial decision was manifestly unjust, or
8 (3) if there is an intervening change in controlling law. *School Dist. No. 1J, Multnomah Cnty v.*
9 *ACandS, Inc.*, 5 F.3d 1255, 1263 (9th Cir. 1993).

10 As to Defendant Bleus Paradise, LLC, the Court agrees with Plaintiffs that clear error
11 was committed. Specifically, it appears that Defendant Bleus Paradise, LLC was served with
12 the Summons and Complaint on May 24, 2013. (*See* ECF No. 6.) Accordingly, the Court’s
13 Order dismissing Defendant Bleus Paradise, LLC was in error and should be stricken.

14 In their Motion for Reconsideration, Plaintiffs also assert that the Court also erred in
15 dismissing Defendant Northern Van Lines, Inc. (Mot. to Reconsider 4:13-17, ECF No. 10.)
16 Specifically, Plaintiffs assert that “Plaintiff attempted to serve Defendant Northern Van Lines,
17 LLC on August 21, 2013, learning that the business has since dissolved however [this date is]
18 within the 120 days allotted to serve pursuant to FRCP 4(m).” (*Id.* at 4:10-12.) However, Rule
19 4(m) requires that Plaintiffs serve each Defendant within 120 days after the filing of the
20 complaint or face dismissal of the action. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). In addition, Rule 4(m) permits
21 the Court to extend time for service, but only after Plaintiffs show good cause for the failure to
22 serve. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m). Here, Plaintiffs have neither requested an extension nor shown
23 good cause. Furthermore, Plaintiffs have failed to provide any legal authority to support the
24 proposition that their failed attempt to serve the dissolved Defendant Northern Van Lines, Inc.
25 is sufficient to avoid a 4(m) dismissal of this action against Defendant Northern Van Lines, Inc.

1 Therefore, the Court's Order dismissing this action as to Defendant Northern Van Lines, Inc.
2 was not in error.

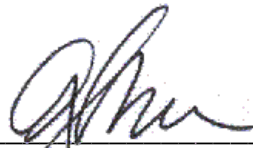
3 **III. CONCLUSION**

4 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that Plaintiffs' Motion for Reconsideration (ECF No. 10)
5 is **GRANTED**.

6 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Court's Order of Dismissal (ECF No. 9) is
7 **STRICKEN**.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, having failed to show good cause why this action
9 should not be dismissed without prejudice for failure to effect timely service pursuant to Fed.
10 R. Civ. P. 4(m), the action is hereby **DISMISSED without prejudice as to Defendant**
11 **Northern Van Lines, Inc.**

12 **DATED** this 8th day of October, 2013.

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17 United States District Judge
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